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1. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDANCE ADDITIONAL TO THAT INCLUDED IN GENERAL CABLE OUTLINING PROPOSED U.S. MEAT IMPORT RESTRAINT PROGRAM FOR 1975.

2. EMBASSY WILL NOTE THAT THE PROPOSED RESTRAINT LEVEL FOR HAITI IS SLIGHTLY BELOW THAT ASSIGNED IN THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REFTL (1). THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS AT 1.9 MILLION POUNDS; THE NEW PROPOSAL IS FOR 1.8 MILLION POUNDS. IN EXPLAINING THE LOWER LEVEL, THE POST MAY POINT OUT THAT THE CHANGE RESULTS FROM A SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WITH ALL SUPPLIERS TO THE U.S. MARKET AND CONSEQUENT ADOPTION OF A BASE FORMULA (SEE SEPTL) WHICH IN THE AGGREGATE IS HIGHLY FAVORABLE TO
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WESTERN HEMISPHERE PRODUCERS. THIS FORMULA REFLECTS ADDED

EXPORT PRODUCTION CAPACITY DEVELOPED DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS BY SOME PRODUCERS. U.S. IMPORTS FROM HAITI ARE RECORDED AS FOLLOWS: 1972 - 2.0 M.LBS., 1973 - 2.1 M.LBS., AND 1974 - 1.7 M.LBS. THE ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE HAITIAN SHIPMENTS DURING THE CURRENT YEAR (1.2 M.LBS.) REMAINS BELOW THE LOWER PROGRAM FIGURE NOW PROPOSED. THE

THE SHARE OF THE CURRENT PROGRAM RESULTS FROM A STRICT STATISTICAL CALCULATION, INCLUDING CALENDAR 1974 SHIPMENTS WHICH WERE NOT AVAILABLE WHEN THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL WAS MADE.

3. THE EMBASSY MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT PERIODIC ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ALLOCATION BASIS FOR THE U.S. MEAT IMPORT PROGRAM ARE BOTH REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO PROVIDE EQUITY IN DEALING WITH CHANGING SUPPLY CAPACITIES OF EXPORTING COUNTRIES. CURRENT CAPACITY TO SUPPLY THE U.S. MARKET IS REFLECTED THROUGH THE USE OF THE BEST OF THE PAST TWO CALENDAR YEARS AS THE BASE FOR THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION. INGERSOLL

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